

Fig 1. Schematic of the PCR reactions to construct the DNA fragment for the deletion of the *ywfL* gene in *B. natto* strain BN1.

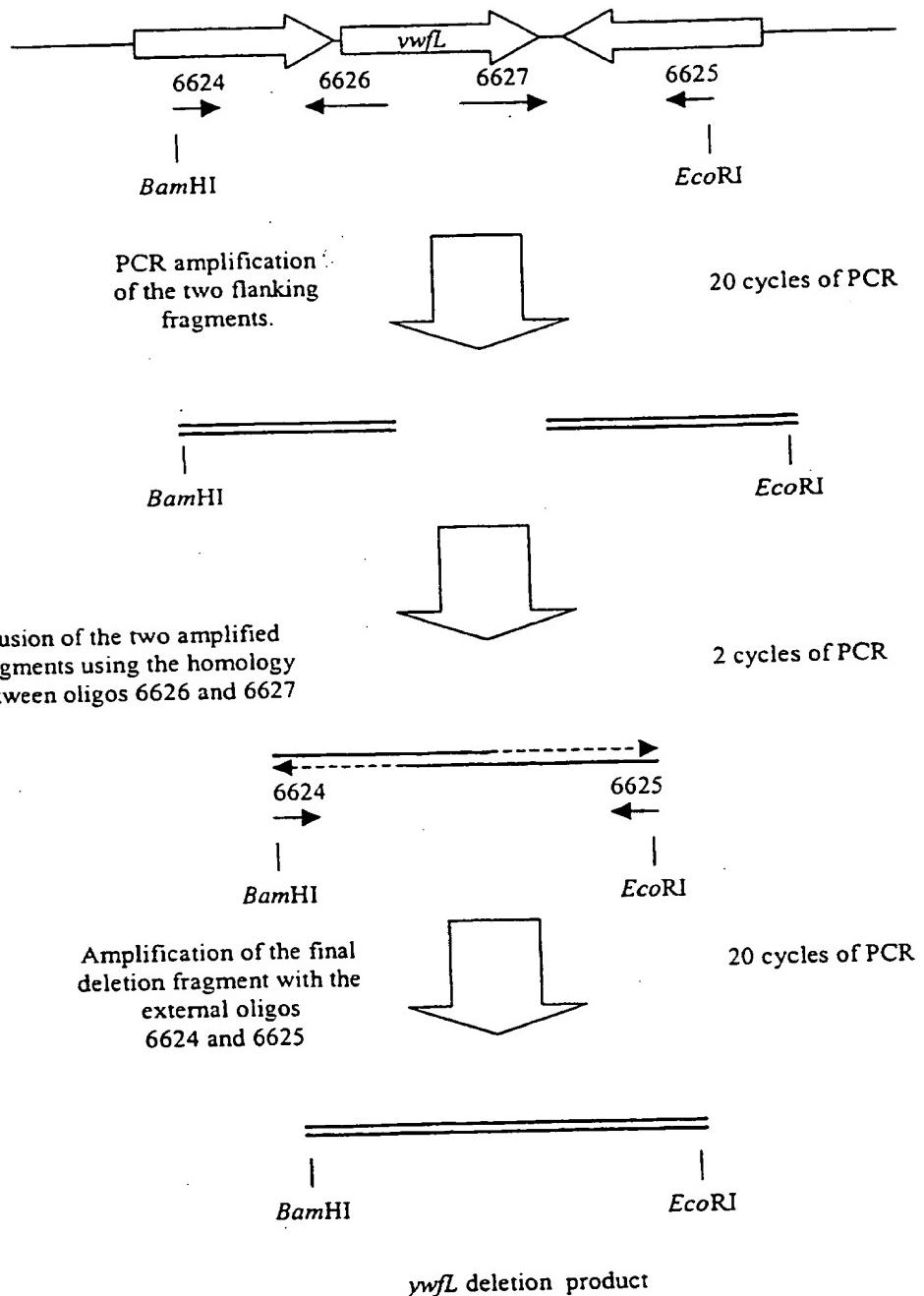


Fig. 2. Schematic map of the plasmid pMZ66.

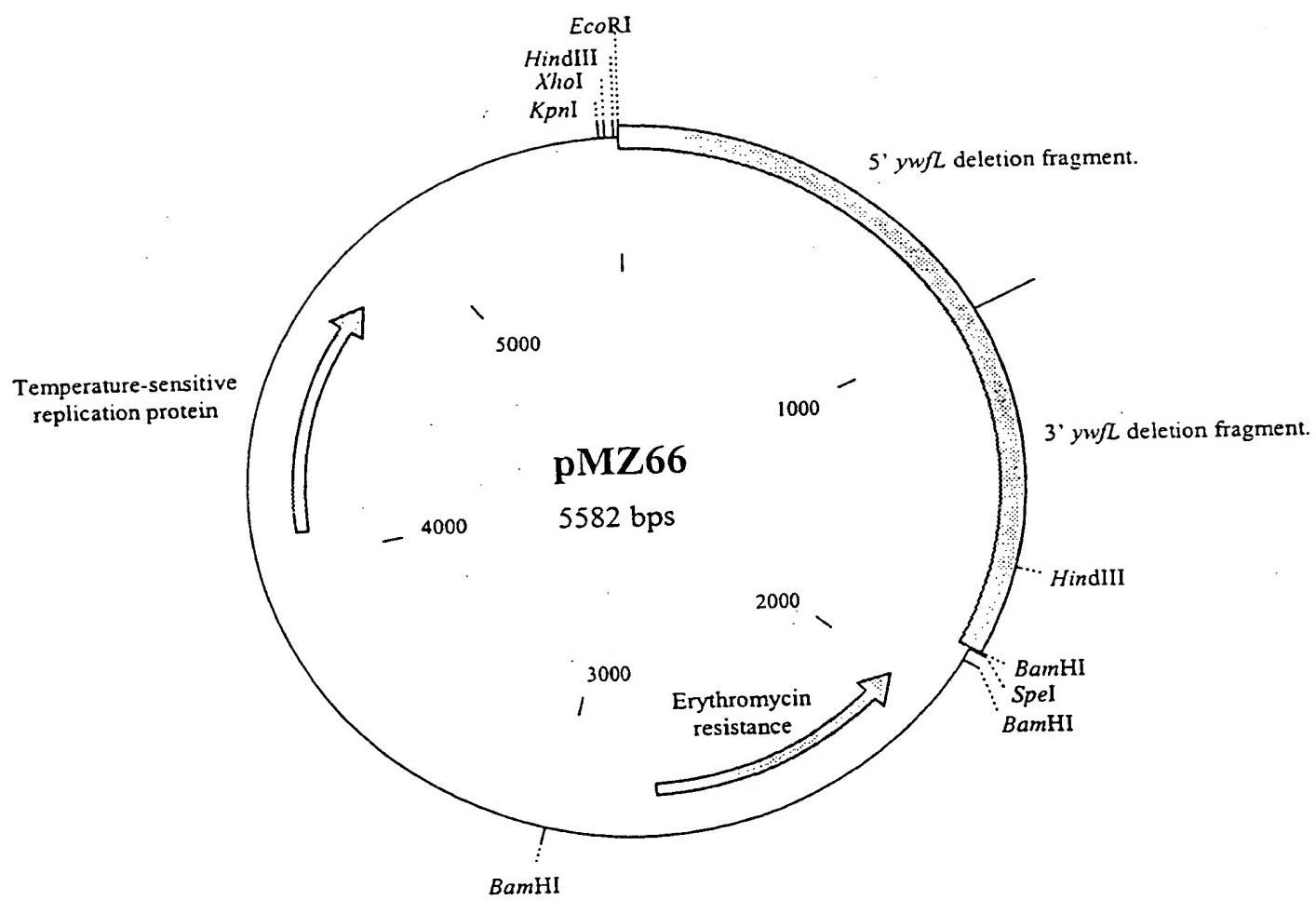


Fig. 3. Chromatogram of fermentation products in the culture medium produced by the wild-type *Bacillus natto* and the *ywlL* disruption iso-genic derivative.

